

## Flood Safety



*Listed below are ideas you should be aware of:*

**Do not walk through flowing water.** Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths. Currents can be deceptive. If you walk in standing water be sure to use a pole or stick to ensure that there is firm ground ahead.

**Do not drive through a flooded area.** This includes road barriers. Barriers are there for your protection.

**Stay away from power lines and electrical wires.** The number two flood related death after drowning is electrocution. Electrical current travels through water. If you see downed power lines report them immediately to the appropriate Town/Village Police Department by dialing 911.

**Have your electricity turned off by your electrical company.** If you have been flooded you should be aware that some appliances, such as televisions still have electrical charges even after they have been unplugged. Do not use appliances or motors that have gotten wet until they have been thoroughly cleaned and checked by a professional.

**Be alert for gas leaks.** Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Do not smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames unless you know the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.

**Look out for animals.** Small animals or reptiles that have been flooded out of their homes may seek shelter in yours.

**Clean everything that got wet.** Floodwaters have picked up sewage and chemicals from roads, farms, factories, and storage buildings. Spoiled food, flooded cosmetics, and medicine can be health hazards. When in doubt throw them out.

Preparation is very important in any emergency situation. Please be aware of things you can do to alleviate flooding in your area.